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CONVICTED D.C. DOCTOR SETTLES FRAUD CASE

Washington, D.C. – District of Columbia Inspector General Charles C. Maddox and the Office of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General announced today that Dr. John S. Toman of McLean, Virginia has executed a settlement agreement under civil monetary penalty (CMP) law with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General. Following a previous criminal conviction in D.C. Superior Court, HHS determined that Dr. Toman submitted claims for payment to the Medicaid program attesting that he fabricated or assembled eyeglasses and lenses on the premises of his practice, when, in fact, an independent optical company fabricated the glasses. Pursuant to the settlement, Dr. Toman paid \$7500.00. He also was excluded from participating in Medicare or Medicaid for a minimum of 5 years based on the criminal conviction.

In October 2001, Dr. Toman pled guilty to two criminal charges before Judge Zinora Mitchell-Rankin and was sentenced to 180 days on count one, theft from the Medicaid program, and 180 days on count two, conspiracy to commit theft from Medicaid program. Each count was suspended. In addition, the court imposed \$1,000.00 in fines and \$100.00 in court costs, and ordered the defendant to perform 150 hours of community service.

The criminal prosecution was handled jointly by the D.C. Office of Inspector General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) and the U.S. Attorney's Office. These were the first criminal fraud charges stemming from an investigation conducted by the recently established MFCU. The MFCU is a specialized strike force composed of prosecutors, investigators, and auditors who work to investigate healthcare fraud and patient abuse. It is the only unit to focus solely on fraud and abuse in the District's Medicaid Program.

